

CHATTERIS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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OF

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR

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# ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year ending 31st December, 1964

To the Chairman and Members of CHATTERIS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

I submit hereafter my Annual Report on the Chatteris Urban District.

ESTIMATED POPULATION - mid. 1964 - 5,470

LIVE BIRTHS - 85

1961	15.94 per thousand population
1962	14.15 per thousand population
1963	15.27 per thousand population
1964	15.54 per thousand population

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS - 7

1963	1.195 per cent of live births
1964	8.235 per cent of live births

STILL BIRTHS - 2 (legitimate)

1963	23.2 per thousand of total births
1964	22.9 per thousand of total births

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS - 87

INFANT DEATHS - 1

INFANT MORTALITY

1960	2 deaths	24.00 per thousand live births
1961	3 deaths	34.09 per thousand live births
1962	3 deaths	38.50 per thousand live births
1963	2 deaths	23.82 per thousand live births
1964	1 death	11.76 per thousand live births

No illegitimate deaths of infants

NEO NATAL MORTALITY RATE (under four weeks old) Nil

EARLY NEO NATAL MORTALITY RATE (under one week old) Nil

PRE-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (still births and under one week)

( see 2 still births)

MATERNAL MORTALITY none known

WATER SUPPLY

Wisbech & District Water Board is the Statutory Authority and piped mains supply from Marham, Norfolk, supply 1775 houses directly and approximately 70 by external stand pipes, a few remaining houses in the outlying fens have no piped supply. The supply generally is of satisfactory quality and quantity, the results 102 Bacteriological samples tested was 100% negative.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Direct labour is used to operate a weekly collection in the town and fortnightly in the outlying fens.

RIVERS, STREAMS AND WATERCOURSES

There are no natural rivers and streams, the town being built on a layer of Kimmeridge clay thrown up and forming high land running north to south and rainfall gravitated off the east and west slopes to artificial dykes and to the main drains



constructed some three hundred years ago when the fens were reclaimed.

#### CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

This is on the water carriage system in the Urban District.

#### SCHOOLS

All are supplied with piped water and generally satisfactory sanitary conditions.

#### SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Both Acre Fen and Nightlayer Works are working satisfactorily.

#### NURSING SERVICE AND HEALTH VISITORS SERVICE

The nursing service in Chatteris is at long last showing signs of improvement. The two self contained flats under construction were completed in July, 1964. Nurse Russel S.R.N., Sc.M.H.V., took up residence in August.

In addition to Nurse Russel, Mr. Buchannon S.R.N., resident at March 8 miles away, attends male patients in Chatteris which considerably relieves the pressure of work. Early in the new year another State Registered Nurse will be appointed. When she is installed in her flat and is giving her services to the sick and needy of Chatteris, then we will be enjoying a nursing service never before known in Chatteris. However, we must be prepared to listen to any justifiable criticism they may have to offer and if possible take steps to remedy such matters in order that we may never again experience the previous lack of Nursing facilities in Chatteris.

#### HEALTH EDUCATION

The Health Education in Chatteris is adequately provided for by such media as the National Press, Radio and Television.

#### MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

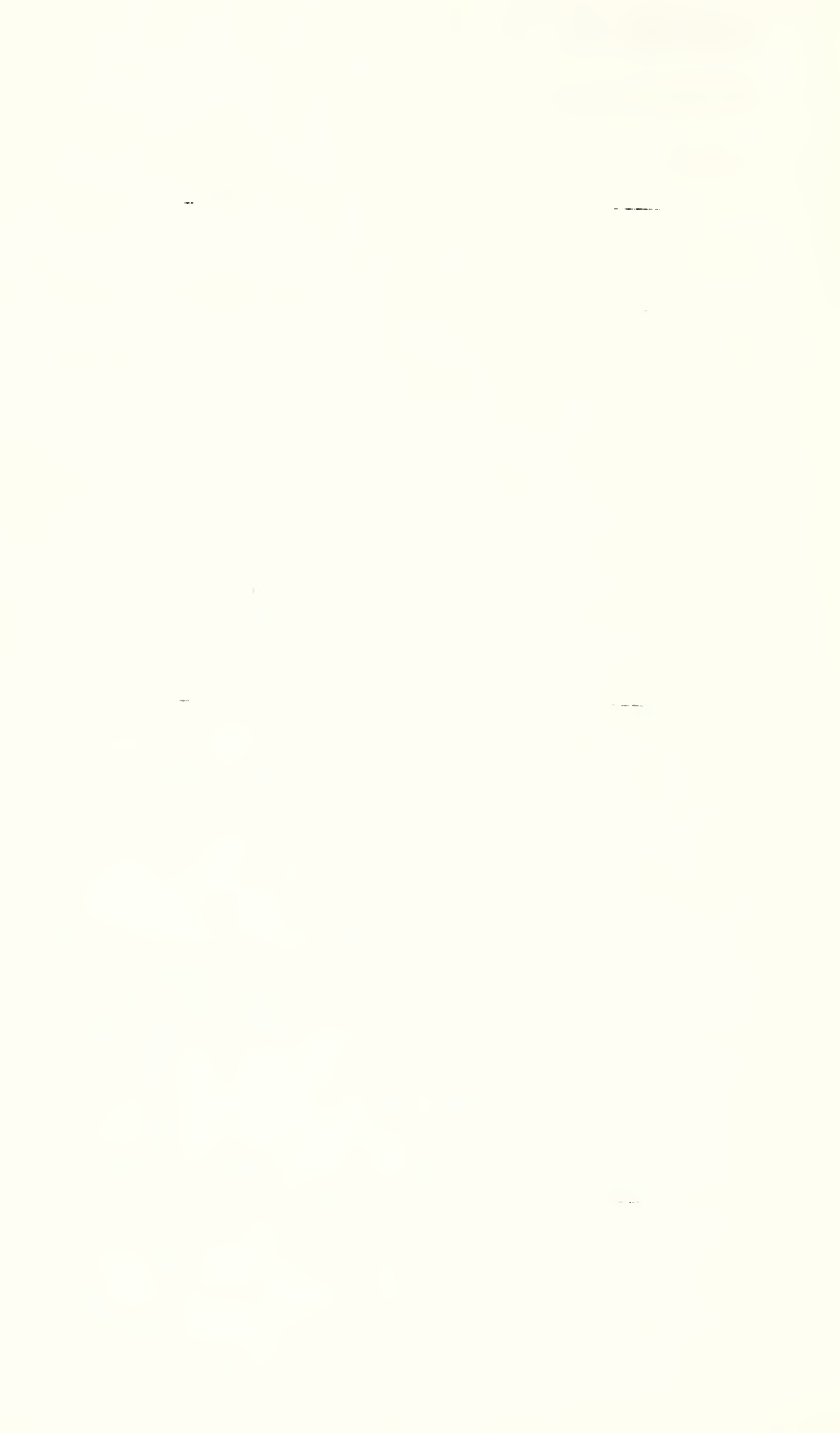
The mental health service is a full 24 hour service and it is excellent. An officer with an office at Ely is appointed to serve the Chatteris area. He is included in a rota system with other officers at County Hall, March, thereby providing full coverage. He works in close liaison with the Consultant Psychiatrists and the General Practitioners providing a follow-up continuity of supervision when necessary.

#### NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

Two Medical Practitioners provide a full 24 hour service in Chatteris. They themselves built a modern, well equipped health centre in 1947 and it is run at considerable expense out of their own pockets. A Nurse Dispenser is employed relieving the Doctors of some of the routine work. Hospitals at Doddington, Wisbech and Cambridge provide good distititutional treatment and fortunately for most cases there are no long waiting lists. Acute emergencies are always promptly accepted.

#### PUBLIC TOILETS

The public toilets in Chatteris are unfortunately the site of wanton vandalism as is occuring up and down the country. The vulnerable weighing machine should be replaced by some sort of indestructable hand washing facilities. General maintenance and daily inspection should be insisted upon in order to promote public awareness of hygiene. Dirty neglected lavatories can only be a menace to society.





### AMBULANCE SERVICE

The ambulance is stationed and maintained at one of the local garages. One of the garage personnel has volunteered to act as driver. He is also the Nurse, Porter and General Factotum. During 1964 he continued to give speedy, cheerful and efficient service. On amalgamation of the Isle of Ely with Cambridgeshire the main ambulance service will be directed from March 8 miles away. For routine cases their ambulance will be used. In emergencies the existing Chatteris Ambulance Service can be called.

### CHIROPODY SERVICE

There are three visiting chiropodists who attend the Chatteris Area. Two of them are qualified and are eligible for remuneration under the National Health Service. During 1964 the good companions, a voluntary organisation caring for the over 65's continued to operate as in years previously. They subsidise males over 65 and females over 60.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Members,

Your obedient servant,

A.S. L.

Medical Officer of Health



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DEATHS the main causes of death were:-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	1	-	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	4	4	8
Leukaemia, Aleukamia	-	1	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	1	6	7
Coronary Disease, Angina	7	4	11
Other Heart Disease	4	7	11
Pneumonia	1	-	1
Bronchitis	3	2	5
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	1	1
Congenital Malformations	-	1	1
Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases	-	2	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	-	1
Suicide	1	-	1
	<u>23</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>51</u>

Death rate per thousand population = 9.3



SUMMARY OF FOOD INSPECTIONS

1964

1. Number of Food Premises

Cafes	1	Fishmongers	4
Hotels	2	Grocers	15
Milk Producers	3	Butchers	6
Milk Retailers	3	Greengrocers	7
Bakers	4		

2. Number of premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drug Act, 1955 and the number of Daries registered under the Milk and Daries Regulations, 1949/1954

Ice Cream Retailers	20
Ice Cream Producers	1
Sausage Producers	5
Number of Daries	3

3. Disposal of Condemned Food

Condemned food is disposed of by burning except for large articles and tinned foods which are normally buried surrounded with quick-lime.

Food Condemned

(a) Fresh Meat

Pork	34 lbs.
Beef	Nil
Mutton	Nil

(b) Tinned Food

Meat	20 lbs.
Fruit	5 lbs.
Vegetables	Nil



MEAT INSPECTION 1964

	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Bullocks</u>	<u>Weight of Meat Condemned</u>
January	2	38	19	Minor
February	5	39	13	Minor
March	3	98	23	Nil
April	-	57	21	Nil
May	-	56	19	Nil
June	-	81	20	Nil
July	4	40	17	Minor
August	2	68	21	28 lbs.
September	20	75	20	70 lbs.
October	3	75	23	31 lbs.
November	5	102	27	24 lbs.
December	7	79	15	10 lbs.
	<u>51</u>	<u>808</u>	<u>238</u>	



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IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1964

FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF CHATTERIS

IN THE COUNTY OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 - 1939

Prescribed Particulars of the Administration  
of the Factories Act, 1937

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. - INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions as to Health  
(including inspections made by Public  
Health Inspector)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories in which Secs. 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	4	33	-	-
Factories not included above in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	18	141	-	-
Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out- workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	22	174	-	-

2. - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects found				Number of cases in which Prosecutions were Instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			to H. M. Inspector	by H. M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	1	1	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-





2. - Cases in which DEFECTS were found (continued)

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects found				Number of cases in which Prosecutions were Instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			to H. M. Inspector	by H. M. Inspector	
<u>Sanitary Conveniences</u>					
a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other defects against the Act (not including offences	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	3	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUT-WORK

(sections 110 and 111)

Nil Return

Signature

*(S. L. Jay)*

Medical Officer  
of Health

Date: 18th November, 1965

